



FACT SHEET

Intellectual Property and the Texas Economy

Texas' Innovators: Patent and Intellectual Property Statistics

- From 2003 to 2004, Texas inventors were awarded 12,619 patents.
- More than 25 percent of the utility patents—patents granted for improvements to or invention of new and useful processes, machines, products or compositions of matter—awarded to Texas residents in 2004 were awarded to small businesses. Nationwide, about 31 percent of 2004's utility patents went to small businesses.
- Through August 16, 3,587 patents had been issued to Texas inventors in 2005.
- Since 1976, Texas inventors have secured tens of thousands of patents:

Inventor's City	Patents Since 1976
Houston	27,033
Austin	21,166
Dallas	13,519
San Antonio	4, 112

The Texas Economy: Facts and Figures

- More than one-fifth (22.7 percent) of all manufacturing workers in Texas depend on exports for their jobs. Nationwide, 20 percent of manufacturing jobs are export-dependent. Export-supported jobs account for an estimated eight percent of Texas' total private-sector employment (one of every 13 jobs).
- 90 percent of the companies exporting goods from Texas in 2002 were small- and medium-sized firms. Small- and medium-sized firms generated more than one-fifth (21 percent) of Texas' total exports of merchandise in 2002.
- Texas' export shipments of merchandise in 2004 totaled \$117.2 billion, the largest figure in the United States. Texas' exports rose by \$13.4 billion from 2000 to 2004, the largest dollar gain among the states.
- Texas exported to 219 foreign destinations in 2004. The state's largest market in 2004, by far, was NAFTA member Mexico, which received exports of \$45.7 billion (39 percent) of Texas' total merchandise export total. In fact, the value of Texas' trade with Mexico alone is larger than the world trade totals of every state but California.

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